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1. The draft plan for the reconstruction and development of Warsaw, according to which work has so far been carried out, was withdrawn early in April 1953. Under instructions received from Moscow, the City Project Planning Office (formerly the Capital Reconstruction Bureau) was compelled to work out a new plan within a very short time. The Palace of Culture and Arts, around which the main part of Warsaw is to be reconstructed, is the main feature of the new plan.
2. On 25 May 1953 a Polish delegation left for Moscow with the completed new plan in order to obtain its approval. So that the Palace of Culture and Arts may be built in the prescribed time, the group of Soviet builders insisted on having at their exclusive disposal several brick kilns and other plants producing building materials, which should work only for their requirements.
3. This has resulted in construction work under Polish management being delayed through lack of building material deliveries. To cope with the situation, therefore, Polish builders are using substitute materials to carry out the reconstruction work approved under the Six Year Plan. This has led to a considerable number of accidents (partial collapse of houses, etc.), for example, those which took place in the Mokotow residential district.
4. Shortage of building materials on the market is also due to the allocation of these materials for the construction of military objectives, which are being built in various parts of Poland.

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